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An Epistle Dedicatory,

TO THE

Right Honourable

Sir John Moore,

Lord Mayor of London.

May it please Your Lordship,

I Hope it will not create Your Wonder, that an unknown Hand should Dedicate these few Sheets to Your *Lordship's Patronage*; whil'st your *Own Loyalty* is *eminently* expressed in the daily Ser-

vice of Your *King* and *Country*. And, as *Your Lordship's Place* is Great, so is *Your Care* and *Prudence:* A remarkable Instance of which we lately had, when the Picture of His *Royal Highness*, the *Duke of York*, was rudely defaced by the Assassination of a Wicked Person, wherein *Your Lordship's Endeavours* did so readily appear, and *Your Zeal* to have the Barbarous Act discovered; that there seemed nothing wanting in *Your Lordship*, to satisfie the *King* and *Kingdom* of Your utter Abhorrence of so foul a Deed.

Therefore, to *Your Lordship* I bring this little *Treatise*, that You may, with *Your Acceptance*, vindicate the *Reputation*, as well as *Person*, of *This most Illustrious Prince*, in whom all things center, that are Good.

And if I have wrong'd *His Royal Highness*, or *Your Lordship*, by rudely expressing

my honeſt Meaning herein declared; I ſhall need no other *Satyr*, than a Self-reflection, or Puniſhment, then what I ſhall be ready to inflict upon my Self. But whatever happens to me for my own Unworthineſs, my greateſt Happineſs will be to have *Truth* appear, tho through a *Cloud*; and *Slander* puniſh'd, tho *Juſtice* Triumph in the *Overthrow* of my *Imperfections*. I am,

My Lord,

Your Lordſhip's moſt
Humble Servant,

J. G.

TO

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COLLEGII SS. TRIN.
JUXTA DUBLIN.

TO THE READER.

I Should Appologize for my ſelf, for Writing againſt ſo many Men, and for encountring ſo many Loads of Paper with a few ſingle Sheets, were I convinced they had any Authority for what they ſay, or write; who have Nicknamed His Royal Highneſs, the Duke of York, TRAYTOR, *or* PAPIST: *But ſince I have no other Cauſe to believe the Diſcourſe, than the fickle, and unthinking Humour of thoſe who have followed the Dictates of a diſcontented Party; and would, at the ſame time, have miſnamed*

the Government, had it not been wary of their Proceedings and, on the ſuddain, arraigned their Actions; I know no reaſon, why I ſhould not ſpeak my Opinion, as well as ſuch Whirlygig-State-Projectors; *eſpecially, ſince the ſence of what I here Write, is ſignified to us by ſuch Authorities, that we have no need to queſtion the Truth of them.*

Therefore, Judicious Reader, *I ſhall recommend this little Treatiſe to your ſerious Conſideration, and I hope it may prove good Phyſick this Spring Time, to our* Sir Politick-Would-be's, *who ever rejoyce when the Government is at a default, though the Blot be for their Advantage: And then if any* Wicked Statef-man *will but* Hound *them on, O what a noiſe will they make! though not half ſo well well coupled, as an indifferent Pack of Beagles; and 'tis their eager purſuit, generally, that makes them looſe their Credit. But this is not ſufficient:*

ent: *I may be ask't, What I have to do to concern my self with the* Duke's Religion, *or* Loyalty? *To the* Candid Reader, *I hope, this will be a full Answer*: Ever since I was Eleven Years Old, I have lived under this Government, as it is now Establiſhed; *and my Heart has hitherto Bleſſed the* King, *and I have wiſhed Him Succeſs in all His undertakings; and I have had good Cauſe to do ſo, ſince His Majeſties Laws are a Delight, and need not be grievous to any of His Subjects: On this bottom I juſtify my ſelf, in Writing upon this Subject concerning the* Duke, *who, by all* Loyal *Men, is lookt upon to be a* good Subject, *a* Dutiful Brother *to the* King, *and* One *that ſeeks the* Intereſt *of the* Nation: *Whereas thoſe who ſay the contrary, and give him the Name of* PAPIST, *and* TRAYTOR, *do generally ſhew themſelves to be of Diſloyal Principles, and ſuch as the Nation have little*

reaſon to credit. And from hence I infer, That those who are obedient to His Majeſty, *will love the* Duke of York; *becauſe the* Duke's Principles *are (as all good Subjects ought to be) to Serve* God, *and Honour the* King: *And therefore, his being ſlander'd with the Name of* PAPIST, TRAYTOR, Enemy to the KING, *and Kingdom, or any other Name, that the giddy heads of theſe idle People can imagine, can make no other impreſſion in the Hearts of wiſe Men, than to raiſe a juſt indignation againſt their Malice, and a Heart to endeavour to prevent the danger that may enſue from ſuch ungodly Proceedings; which ought to be the endeavour of every good Chriſtian, and every Loyal Subject.*

THE Royal Favourite CLEAR'D.

THere was a Time (in the Year 1680.) when this *Illustrious Prince, James Duke of York*, seem'd to the morose, and ruder sort of *People*, to lie under a Cloud; And the Factious, at *that* Time, seem'd to Eclipse His Glory: And then to assert His *Royal Highness* to be a

good Subject to His *Majesty*, and that there were no reasonable Arguments ever brought to prove him a *Papist*, was all one to them, as to have affirmed, That the *Pope* was Infallible, or that the Real Presence was in the Elements of Bread and Wine after Consecration, and as little it would have been believed.

Yet some there were, even in that Time, (whereof one was my intimate *Acquaintance*) that had the Courage, and the Honesty, to justify the *Dukes Loyalty*, and to beat back all the Arguments then used to prove Him a *Roman Catholick*.

I shall therefore take his method, and introduce my Discourse with those Reasonable Arguments that make most to my purpose, and cannot without impudence be deny'd.

For, What can be more Demonstrably plain

plain to prove the *Duke* a *Proteſtant*, than the Words of the Act of *Parliament*, 25 *Car.* 2. *To throw Popiſh Recuſants out of all Offices, and Places of Truſt, and to Diſplace them from the Houſehold, Service or Imployment of His Majeſty, or of His Royal Highneſs, the Duke of York.*

Is here not the *King*, and His *Brother*, wiſely conſidered by this Act? does it not fence them about, and guard them from *Jeſuitical* approaches, that might ſlyly inſinuate themſelves into Courts and Imployments, without a Teſt? Now, ſince God and Nature has provided ſo well for Us, as to give Us ſo wiſe a *King*, and ſo Illuſtrious a *Prince*; Both ſpringing from the Loyns of that Moſt Glorious Martyr, *Charles the Firſt*, our Late King, who dyed for the *Proteſtant Religion*: Can we exerciſe our jealouſies over again, and dodge with the Govern-

Government with pitiful ſcruples, and Wreſtings of ſuch generous expreſſions, and Confidence the then *Parliament* had of the *Duke*, at the Time of making that Act? Againſt ſo plain an Exception of His Perſon, the direct words of which can never allow him to be in the penalty of that Law; though, at that Time, the *Duke* might ſee occaſion to lay down ſeveral of His great Offices, which might make ſome ſort of Men conjecture it was done for that end and purpoſe; As if it were not ſufficient to belie one *Prince* to His Grave, but we muſt endeavour a Second time to do ſo in his Iſſue; And as if the malice of one Age were not enough to make a Nation miſerable, but that it muſt be Intailed upon their Poſterity, to render it utterly deſtroy'd in the next.

Were it not that the Eyes of the great-

eſt part of the Nation are opened by theſe, and the like Obſervations, twere probable, we might once more ſuffer under the like Circumſtances. But, thanks be to *God*, who has put it in the Heart of our *King*, to guide us in the ways of Peace, and to bear with the Infirmities of thoſe who have been grievouſly infected with *Anti-Monarchick*, and *Deſtructive Principles*.

And, What can the *Parliament* mean, when they made an Act in the Thirtieth Year of *Car. 2d. To diſable every Perſon from Sitting in the Houſe of Parliament, that would not take the Teſt*? To make a Proviſo, *That it ſhould not extend to the Duke of York*; were it not that they valeued him as a Perſon of that Honour, and Generoſity that they could do no leſs than diſtinguiſh him from the reſt of His Majeſties Subjects, eſpecially ſince He is ſo neerly Related to

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the Crown, has ſo well deſerved of the King, and has been ſo often thankt for His good Services by themſelves: This is ſo plain, and the Character of a *Papiſt* fixt upon the *Duke* ſo malicious, that it needs no Vindication, were it not to undeceive a Generation of Men whoſe Fathers having ſuck'd in the Poyſon of Rebellion in the Laſt Age, have made it their utmoſt endeavour, to introduce it in this.

Can any thing give us more Aſſurance of *His Royal Highneſs*, than the Words of the beſt of Kings, who in a Speech to His *Parliament* on the 6th. of *March*, in the 31 Year of His Reign, told Them, "*He* "*had Commanded His Brother to abſent Him-*"*ſelf from Him, becauſe He would not leave* "*the moſt malicious Men room to ſay, He had* "*not removed all Cauſes, which could be pre-*"*tended to influence Him towards Popiſh Coun-*"*cels.*

"*cels*, Is here not a Reflection on the King himself by the most malicious, which the King is pleased to take Notice of? And, when He Commands His Brothers Absence, is it not to stop the mouths of the malicious? And, their spiteful calling of the *Duke*, *PAPIST*, Or His inclining the *King* towards *Popish Councels*, call'd by His *Majesty*, any thing else than a Pretence? what then shall be said to such malicious pretenders, if even Their own Request granted, though never so unreasonable, will not give them satisfaction? it behoves therefore *His Majesty*'s good Subjects, to be more unanimous, and Hearty to one another, that so it may break the Hearts of all Malicious Pretenders, who, under the mask of *Liberty*, *Property*, and *Religion*, endeavour the Destruction, and Ruine of the *King*, and *Kingdome*: who can hence forward be so blind,

and ſottiſh, to credit a correſpondence between the *Pope*, and the *Duke of York*, for the bringing in of the *Roman Catholick Religion*, as has been pretended? And, who can, for the time to come, imagine Letters and Intreagues of that nature, when the utmoſt of the Deſign that has hitherto appeared, ſuppoſing thoſe Letters to be the *Duke*'s, can reach no farther than a Civil Behaviour, which is due to the *Turk*, *Mogul*, or *King of Morocco*? We are obliged to Trade in thoſe Countrys; yet we cannot, with ſafety and ſecurity, without a Correſpondence: And, who are ſo proper to tranſact ſuch Affairs, as the prime Miniſters of State?

From what has been ſaid, 'tis Monſtrous to raiſe a Belief of the *Duke*'s *Recuſancy*, from the *King*'s Speech, which clearly explains its ſelf; or from the afore-recited Acts of

Parliament,

Parliament, which many would interpret to the prejudice of *His Royal Highness*, though the *Nemine Contradicente* of the *House of Commons*, on *Sunday April* 1679. does even then credit its own Report, with no other Reasons than what may seem to the *Judicious Reader*, to be here fully Answer'd: And it must the rather be thought so, when the Triple Vote of the *House of Commons* was afterwards incountred with the Opinion of the *House of Lords*, who rejected the Bill against the *Duke*, because *They* were not so satisfied.

Now having deliver'd to you the Glorious condition of a *Happy Favourite*, seated on the Right Hand of *Majesty*, as well by His own Merit, as His Princes choice; who was Honoured and esteemed by good Men, and was a Terrour only to the Bad: Let Us trace Him from *White-Hall*, dri-

ven by the Impetuosity of his Enemies, from the Presence of the *King*, and luster of a Court, into a solitary Banishment: Let us observe Him leaving our shoare, and rendring himself to the unconstant Ocean, which is not yet so unsettled, as the Land from which He parted: And, though many Waves lifted up their Voices against Him: yet, by the greater number, let us consider Him (though among Enemies) Wafted into a Safe Harbour: For, being a Noble Foe, He could Fear no danger in His Misfortunes, when in His Triumphs He could not insult over His Adversaries amongst Forreigners, His Cardinal Vertues (so much slighted by Us) made Him more Honoured, than He was *Here*, with the Addition of His Guards, and Dignities: *There*, amongst the most zealous *Papist*, He was lookt upon as an injured *Protestant Prince*, bearing the Figure

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of His Father's goodneſs and conſtancy: *There*, He propagated Our *Proteſtant Doctrine*, whilſt *Here* He was falſely ſurmiſed to endeavour its Deſtruction: Whilſt He was *There*, with thoſe who would have been glad of any Opportunity to affront our Nation, He manifeſted ſo much Duty and Loyalty, ſo much Love and Reſpect for His King and Country; That He made faithful Friends and Ally's, of Thoſe that might otherwiſe have been our Mortal Enemies, and would have trampled upon our Religion, and made Their will Their Law: So that the malice of a Baniſhment intended by his Adverſaries, could not prevent the Charactar of a Peace-maker, a worthy Patriot, a grand Polititian, a Friend (as well as Brother) to the King, a *Joſeph*, a Preſerver of thoſe that diſpitefully uſed Him, and Trayterouſly ſought his Ruine.

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Thus are the falſe *Achitophels* miſtaken, and, againſt their Wills, are ſaved from the danger they would avoid by Him, whom They intended to deſtroy.

But now, it is Time to conſider of His Return: Our Vigilant *King* ſitting at the Helm; and carefully watching every Motion of the Government, found it neceſſary ſo prudent a Stateſ-man ſhould not always lie under Hatches: He no ſooner ſpake, than all who Loved the King had Their Eyes upon the ſhoare, and Their Dayly Prayers for the *Duke* were, That the Seas and Winds might render His Voyage pleaſant and delightful; and that each gentle Gale might direct Him into the Harbour of our *Hearts* and Armes, that we might deliver *Him* ſafe into the *Embraces* of his King and Brother.

Behold *Him* come, *His* Sailes fill'd with

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Honour and Renown; Though ſurly *Nereus*, dreading His own Overthrow, had laid an Ambuſh behind a Mountainous Wave, to encounter Him: But He was not to be overcome in thoſe Seas, on which He had Victoriouſly rode *High Admiral*: To Him, *Neptune* muſt Bow, though armed with His Trident, and mounted on the *Leviathan*.

And one would gueſs, 'twas in purſuance of this League Marine, that he ſo lately ſent in his *High* and *Mighty* Flouds to invade the *Low Countrys*, leſt himſelf ſhould be again controuled by that dreadful Power he never could withſtand.

Therefore in vain do you ſtrive, you handful of diſcontented Common-wealths-men, in vain do you ſet your ſelves againſt this *Hero*, you ſhall be forced to contribute to his Greatneſs, whom all the World admires,

even your Meritorious ſufferings ſhall add to his Glory.

And now *(Kind Reader)* take one view more, and then farewel: Behold the *King* like *Solomon*, in the mid'ſt of the Multitude of his Councellors, conſulting the ſafety of himſelf, and of his Kingdoms, diſpencing his gentle Influences every where, and like a Deity, warming the coldeſt corners of the Land: And then caſt your Eyes on a Rebellious, and ſtiff-necked Nation, ſuch as *Iſrael* was of Old, wanton with eaſe and plenty, froward and diſcontented; Who would never ſerve their God, but only as they pleaſed, nor obey their Prince in any of his juſt Commands. And after this proſpect Review our *Hero*, whoſe Vertues are a Task for the whole World to imitate. And ſee him in Obedience to his *Kings* Commands, making an eaſy Progreſs into the

the Hearts of theſe untameable People; though the way that leads to their Hearts, as well to as their Country, is naturally Subject to many difficulties: See him Settling, Confirming, and giving a Luſtre to that Religion that here we would exclude him from, together with his Birth-right, and make him wander for a God, as well as for a Country.

Behold him incouraging the Kings Loyal and good Subjects, and reducing the unſettled minds of a diſcontented Party into their due Obedience.

Thus, our *High Commiſſioner* has God and the King, Religion, and Loyalty to juſtify his proceedings; whilſt thoſe who Damn him, with their pretended God with Us, are like to ſuffer Heavens Vengeance for their Preſumption, if God gives them not the Grace of Repentance.

Now, from theſe and ſeveral other Reaſons that may be given, I hope there is none that will be ſo fooliſh, or obſtinately wicked, as to perſiſt in the Opinion of the *Duke*'s ſeparating himſelf from the Intereſt of the *King*, and Kingdom, after ſo many inſtances to evince the contrary: But if any ſort of Men can be ſo Crazy, or Mad, to continue in ſo palpable an error; the World muſt conclude them buſy bodies, and Medlers in what they have nothing to do; Common-wealths-men, Trayterous Aſſociators, and ſuch as would diſturb the preſent Government, and for a livelyhood would wiſh our Waters as much diſturbed, or more then the *Hollanders* were, by their late Inundation: And whilſt theſe Incendiaries remain, Faction cannot be thought ſtrange, or Rebellion quite out of Faſhion.

Eſpecially, when His *Royal Highneſs*, the

King's only Brother, ſhall be Aſſaſſinated in Effigie, for want of a fitter opportunity to exerciſe their Malice upon His Perſon: 'Tis againſt the *Duke* they lay their Seige, againſt the *Duke* they ingage a Party: But the Government is not ſo unwary, as not to provide againſt their dangerous approaches, knowing their Squint-Eyed Revenge carries with it a Malicious intent againſt the Perſon of *His Sacred Majeſty*.

But to conclude, were I to give my Opinion what remedy might beſt ſerve to Cure this *Kings-Evil*, it ſhould be to be Touch'd, were it not ſo Univerſal that it would prove the greater evil of the two, in bringing a Conſumption upon the *Kings Exchequer*, which none can ſo well remedy, as a Loyal, Grateful *Parliament*, by making a bountiful return to their moſt Gracious King and Governor: I ſhall ſay no more,

who am but a Wellwiſher to the *King*, and Kingdom: Only, may Heaven preſerve *His Majeſty*, and this Government, as now Eſtabliſh'd; *And* may *His Majeſty* have a long and happy Reign; And when He has finiſhed His Days, may his Memory be renowned to future Ages, as His Clemency and Goodneſs has been manifeſted to Us, and the reſt of the World, in This.

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AN ADMONITION TO THE Roman Catholicks.

I Am ſenſible, whatever you hold of the *Infallibility of the Pope*, that you, who are of that Perſwaſion are not Infallible; otherways, you would not have inſinuated an Opinion of the *Duke* of *Yorks* being a *Papiſt* amongſt the *King's Leige People*, and at laſt, ſuffer your ſelves to be miſtaken; Notwithſtanding, at that time, you had drawn ſo great a Party of the *King's Sub-*

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jects into your confederacy. It was a Malevolent Conjunction, and had an ill Aſpect on the Government; and render'd it unſtable, and tottering, even in the Opinion of thoſe who guided the great Affairs of State under *His Majeſty*. It was therefore your very good Luck to lay hold on the Horns of the Altar, to ſeek the Mercy of the *King*, whom you have highly offended; ſuch Mercy, and ſuch Goodneſs, you could never expect in any other Age: The Juſtice of the Kingdome cry'd alowd for Vengeance againſt your *Plots*, and *Deſigns* againſt the Life of the *King*, His *Royal Brother*, and Friends: Yet, you ſee, thoſe very Lives which were Trayterouſly intended to be taken away, are now interpoſing between you and Danger: and the Second Perſon in the Kingdom, is here Mediating with the *King of England*, to remember Mercy

Mercy in Juſtice, and to ſpare thoſe who have no reaſon to expect any Favour, ſince They have ſo highly offended: Therefore May it now happen to you, as when our Saviour gave that *Kind Admonition* to His Criminal: *Go, Sin no more, leſt a worſe thing happen to you.* For in vain you perſwade the Ignorant and ſimple People, that our Princes are *Papiſts*, and our Miniſtry and Gentry *Popiſhly Affected*: When their Pious Reſolutions, as well as Intereſt, are never to return again to the ſlavery of the *Papal-See*, upon any Opportunity whatſoever. Therefore let me adviſe you as a Friend, joyn not with thoſe *Diſſenters*, which your ſelves have made; Aſſiſt not in their Meetings; fill not their Congregations, neither Reconcile them to *Rome*, nor draw them from their Allegiance; but ſuffer them rather, with your ſelves, to be converted to

the Communion of the *Church of England*, and to the Government of the *King*, Renouncing all Foreign Powers, and Jurisdictions, which may alianate your Affections and Obligations to our present Government, as by Law Eſtabliſh'd, either in Church, or State.

This is the Way, walk in it; and thoſe who hold out to the end, ſhall be Happy.

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ADDRESS

TO HIS

Royal Highneſs

JAMES,

Duke of York, &c.

Welcome, Great Prince, thrice wel-come to Land,
Where even your Foes ſtretch out your Command;
And make You fitter to aſſiſt the Crown,
Whilſt, at their charge, You purchaſe in Renown.
This they perceived, and ſpiteſully ſeem'd good,
Tho' now their wicked Plots are underſtood:

'Tis they, who ſought to undermine the Throne,
Who call'd you Traytor, *and would prove you one*
In Hell they laid their Scene, and their Conſult
Was a Packt Junto; Treaſon, *their Reſult.*
But You *run Counter to their deep Deſigns,*
And Ferret them about with Counter-mines.
No Poyſonous Vapours from the Shades below,
Nor ſullen Treaſons from vile Men can flow:
No State Diſeaſe, or Forreign evils feli,
But You exhale, or wiſely can expel.
Your ſtrickt Example is a Vertuous ſpell,
To better Good, and make the Bad do well.
Thus, whilſt to Duty You do ſhew the way,
In different Orbes we conſtantly obey:
Making Great Charles *ſit ſafely in his Wain,*
And Rule the World with a ſoft gentle Reign
O Happy King! O Happy we! that can
Truſt in a Prince, *Reſt in ſo juſt a Man!*

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